

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3188  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

**“SCHEMES TO FIGHT MALNUTRITION”**

3188 SMT. MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes/programmes being implemented to fight malnutrition among women and children in the country at present;
- (b) the budget allocation made for such programmes in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including West Bengal; and
- (c) the malnutrition rate in West Bengal during the said period?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes like Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition are treated at the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Further, POSHAN Abhiyaan launched on 8th March 2018, aims to reduce malnutrition in the country by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all States/UTs. It seeks to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.

(b) The details of the funds allocated to States/UTs under POSHAN Abhiyaan including the state of West Bengal as on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 is at **Annexure I**.

(c) The malnutrition rate among children under 5 years and Women aged 15-49 years in West Bengal as per NFHS 5 survey is as under:

Children under 5 years	Prevalence (%)
Stunting	33.8
Wasting	20.3
Underweight	32.2
Women aged 15-49 years	
Underweight	14.8

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**Annexure 1**

**State/UT wise statement of funds released under POSHAN Abhiyaan  
(Amount in ₹ lakh)**

<b>SN</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Total Central Funds released till 01.01.2022</b>
1	ANDAMAN& NICOBAR ISLANDS	824.51
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	25363.32
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2815.88
4	ASSAM	32948.67
5	BIHAR	49365.59
6	CHANDIGARH	767.38
7	CHHATTISGARH	11434.54
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU	1196.11
9	DELHI	3327.18
10	GOA	455.95
11	GUJARAT	29127.69
12	HARYANA	6808.82
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	10895.41
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	9224.35
15	JHARKHAND	6665.8
16	KARNATAKA	14276.52
17	KERALA	10444.89
18	LADAKH	118.768
19	LAKSHADWEEP	425.62
20	MADHYA PRADESH	39398.53
21	MAHARASHTRA	60810.326
22	MANIPUR	4389.99
23	MEGHALAYA	5073.386
24	MIZORAM	2575.03
25	NAGALAND	5263.99
26	ODISHA	15172.11
27	PUDUCHERRY	943.62
28	PUNJAB	6909.84
29	RAJASTHAN	22904.21
30	SIKKIM	1370.98
31	TAMIL NADU	25060.44
32	TELANGANA	17906.84
33	TRIPURA	4135.95
34	UTTAR PRADESH	56968.96
35	UTTARAKHAND	13574.89
36	WEST BENGAL	26751.08
<b>Total</b>		<b>525697.18</b>